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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a),

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a 3 month extension of time to respond after the response to final and notice of appeal mailed October 15, 2001 2001.

- 1. This communication is in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested and is filed herewith.
- 2. Applicant claims Small Entity Status under 37 CFR § 1.27.
- 3. Please see "Response and Fee Transmittal" Sheet attached for fee deduction to Deposit Account No. 50-1193.
- 4. Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: An extension of time is requested to provide for timely filing if an extension of time is still required after all papers filed with this communication have been considered.

Respectfully submitted

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